



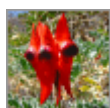
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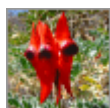
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South Australian Statistical News and Releases



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ABS NEWS AND RELEASES

SA Stats (cat. no. 1345.4)

SA Stats provides an overview of the South Australian economy covering topics of demography, state accounts, prices, labour force and international merchandise trade. It is updated on a quarterly basis (Mar, Jun, Sep and Dec) and in the intervening months the publication includes feature articles that provide a South Australian focus on economic, social and environmental issues.

SA Stats, Jan 2008 (cat no. 1345.4)

Feature Articles:

- Underemployment in South Australia

- Water Use in Agriculture: A South Australian Perspective

January's feature articles focus on underemployment and water use on Australian farms. The first article is about labour force underutilisation and underemployed workers in South Australia in 2006, using data obtained from the ABS publication Underemployed Workers, Australia (cat. no. 6265.0). The second article presents information about water use for irrigation purposes by South Australian agricultural establishments from the ABS publication Water Use on Australian Farms, 2005-06 (Preliminary) (cat. no. 4618.0).

SA Stats, Feb 2008 (cat. no. 1345.4)

Feature Articles:

- South Australia's Mining Industry

- Water Supply in South Australia

February's feature articles present information on South Australia's mining industry and water supply. The first provides an overview of the mining industry in South Australia including the types of commodities produced, the value of the mining industry, employment, wages, exploration and capital expenditure using data from multiple sources. The second examines South Australia's supply of water for the years 2000-01 and 2004-05 with reference to strategies for meeting Adelaide's future water requirements based on information from the ABS publication Water Account, Australia, 2004-05 (cat. no. 4610.0).

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NON-ABS NEWS AND RELEASES

Young and Female: Using Linked Data to Profile Service Use

This project was completed by the Strategic Planning and Analysis Unit in the South Australian Department of Health, as part of the Statistics Program SA, a joint initiative of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and South Australian Government.

Young and Female: Using linked data to profile service use explores characteristics of service use by young female clients across the health and community services sector in Metropolitan Adelaide, and selected areas of South Australia. While women who have multiple vulnerabilities might benefit from accessing a range of services, it is not considered that there is 'one service' in place that can accommodate all of their needs. Analysing the *Clients in Common* dataset allows characteristics or trends in the types of services used by young females to be determined.

Comparisons with young male and total clients show young female clients to be over represented in relation to clients who are users of multiple services. Spatial clustering of clients, particularly those using multiple providers, or clients who are considered 'at risk', such as children and young people who are under the Guardianship of the Minister, homeless clients and those accessing housing assistance, resembles the distribution of disadvantage as captured by the ABS SEIFA Index of Relative Disadvantage.

Analysis by quintiles of socioeconomic disadvantage reinforces the link between these variables, highlighting that clients with the highest use of services, using multiple providers and receiving housing assistance are also over represented in the most disadvantaged quintiles of Metropolitan Adelaide. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were found to be over-represented in clients identified as homeless and/or receiving housing assistance. Over half of all young female clients had visited a public hospital accident and emergency department, making it the highest provider of services.

Analysis of *Clients in Common* demonstrates the capacity of a de-identified linked data set for investigating service provision. Key interventions aimed at understanding service use by females and assessing a variety of providers across disciplines, is integral to improving service accessibility, service pathways and service effectiveness.

The full report is available on the South Australian Policy Online (SAPO) website.

The South Australian Data Linkage System

A data linkage system is being developed to provide information and evidence to decision makers to assist in the process of making informed choices. Analysis of de-identified, linked data by researchers, analysts, evaluators and policy makers will increase understanding of the impact of decision making and the complex interrelations between social, environmental, economic and health factors that influence individual and community wellbeing. Partners in this project are Department of Health (lead Government agency), University of South Australia, University of Adelaide, Flinders University, Cancer Council of SA, Department of Education and Children's Services, Trac SA and Department of Families and Communities.

Planning for the operation of the data linkage unit is currently being undertaken, with the intention that de-identified linked data will be available from mid 2009.

For further information about the South Australian Data Linkage System please contact:

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South Australian State Government Regions

The South Australian Government is introducing 12 State Government Regions for uniform use in planning and reporting across all state government departments and agencies. The boundaries for these regions were ratified by Cabinet on December 10, 2007 and they can be found on the Planning SA website.

These uniform regions are being adopted by departments and agencies over a two year period and will be fully in use by mid-2009 (with use of the regions in place in most departments and agencies by December 2008). This change will support better planning, reporting and coordination of government services, leading to better customer service. The adoption of the uniform regions will also strengthen links to the South Australian Strategic Plan (SASP) and in particular aid the process of 'regionalisation' of the SASP.

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Upcoming ABS Statistical Training in South Australia



UPCOMING ABS STATISTICAL TRAINING IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

To assist in developing statistical expertise, the ABS can provide training courses to your staff. Our training programs are conducted by ABS staff with expertise in designing questionnaires, analysing data and managing the survey process. The courses teach practical skills by involving participants in individual and group exercises. In addition, courses can be tailored to meet the specific needs of your organisation, for example using South Australia-specific information.

The ABS also provides regular seminars and information sessions which may focus on statistical developments, publications, trends or issues. The following training is currently scheduled for the SA office in the coming months:

Accessing ABS Information – Seminar

Date: 08/05/2008

Duration: 1.5 hours

Description: This seminar will increase participants' ability to access ABS on-line publications and free data from the ABS web site, (www.abs.gov.au) and from the Information Consultancies Container (ABS@). The container has unpublished data commissioned by the State Government and announcements and other content of interest to State Government users of ABS services.

Who should attend: State government employees who need to access ABS data.

Cost: Free

Turning Data into Information

Date: 04/06/2008-05/06/2008

Duration: 2 days

Description: This course develops skills in interpreting and analysing data and communicating information clearly and effectively. Analytical thinking skills are developed to enable the transformation of data into meaningful information such as written reports. A key theme of this course is analytical thinking to ensure relevant messages are extracted from data to meet set objectives. Covered in the course are:

- Understanding the issue and planning;
- Analysis tools and techniques; and
- Clearly presenting conclusions to an audience.

Who should attend: People working with data who wish to extract relevant information and communicate that information to a variety of audiences, eg through written reports.

Cost: \$750 (inc. GST)

Further details of each training course and the registration form are on the ABS website (Select 'services we provide' and then 'ABS Training'). Also on the website is information about other training courses that the ABS can present, courses that are scheduled in other states and territories, and on-line training courses.

If you or your colleagues are interested in any courses that have not been scheduled in Adelaide, please contact the Statistical Consultancy Unit on (08) 8237 7555. The ABS also offers the option of tailoring statistical training courses to meet the specific needs of groups of staff in individual agencies or divisions. Please contact us if you would like further information about the statistical training offered by the ABS.

Feature ABS Releases



FEATURE ABS RELEASES

Informing Decisions – ABS Service Delivery Charter 2008-2011

Year Book Australia

Information Paper: Measuring Learning in Australia: Concepts and Directions in Early Childhood Learning

Australia's Environment: Issues and Trends

Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits

Informing Decisions – ABS Service Delivery Charter 2008-2011, 2008 (First Issue) (cat. no. 1007.0)

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is committed to increasing access to Australia's wealth of statistical information. We do this by delivering timely, relevant and accurate statistical information, the use of which contributes to informed decision-making, research and discussion within governments, businesses and Australian and international communities.

Users of statistics come from many sectors of the Australian community, such as:

- Australian, State and Territory, and Local Governments;
- Private enterprise, including small business;
- Academics, students and teachers;
- Researchers and librarians;
- Media;
- Not-for-profit organisations; and
- The Australian community.

The ABS offers a number of statistical information and other services to these users including:

- **ABS website** www.abs.gov.au - presents published ABS data free of charge
- **Telephone enquiry service** on 1300 135 070 – available between 8.30am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday
- **Information consultancy** – tailoring data to your specifications
- **Statistical consultancy** – helping government with survey design and other statistical services
- **Out-posted ABS officers** -to government agencies
- **Microdata access** – including Confidentialised Unit Record Files (CURF), Remote Access Data Laboratory (RADL), ABS Site Data Laboratory (ABSDL)
- **Email notifications** and **Really Simple Syndication** (RSS) services

This Charter outlines our commitment to providing a quality customer service, specifying what you can expect when you approach us for statistical or other information through any of our service channels.

The ABS seeks to continually improve our customer service, and would appreciate your feedback on the service you receive generally, and on the standards identified in this Charter in particular.

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Year Book Australia, 2008 (cat. no. 1301.0)

Year Book Australia is the principal reference work produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. It provides a comprehensive and detailed statistical overview of various aspects of

the economy and social conditions in Australia in a number of chapters including population, labour, income and welfare, education and training, housing, health, crime and justice, transport, culture and recreation, national accounts, defence and energy.

In addition to statistical data, some feature articles are included. The world-wide Scouting movement celebrated its centenary last year. To commemorate this and to recognise the contribution that Scouting has made to the Australian community, the Australian Government has designated 2008 the Year of the Scout. Scouts Australia gladly accepted the ABS's invitation to contribute to an article featured in this edition of the Year Book.

The United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed the year 2008 to be the International Year of Planet Earth. The ABS invited Geoscience Australia, the Australian Government agency with responsibility for coordinating Australia's involvement in the International Year, together with several other Australian Government departments, to contribute articles that relate to the Year's goals or research themes. Their contributions are presented throughout this edition in articles such as:

- Understanding Natural Hazard Impacts on Australia;
- How Do We Know About Climate in the Period Before Instruments;
- Natural Disasters in Australia;
- Tsunami Risk to Australia;
- APEC and Climate Change; and
- Sustainable Forest Management.

Other feature articles include:

- Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage;
- Physical Violence;
- Irrigation on Australian Farms; and
- Sustaining the Mineral Resources Industry – Overcoming the Tyranny of Depth.

SEE ALSO: Australia at a Glance, 2008 (cat. no. 1309.0)

Based on Year Book Australia 2008, Australia at a Glance, 2008 provides condensed statistical information about agriculture, balance of payments, building, climate, consumer prices and other price indexes, demography, education, exchange rates, finance, geography, international statistical comparisons, international investment, international merchandise trade, labour force, manufacturing, mining, national accounts, retail trade, tourism, transport, wages, earnings and hours.

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Information Paper: Measuring Learning in Australia: Concepts and Directions in Early Childhood Learning, 2007 (First Issue) (cat. no. 4232.0)

This information paper reports on a project undertaken by the ABS with the aim of improving the collection and reporting of data on early childhood learning. The project is an initiative of the National Education and Training Statistics Unit (NETSU), which is funded by state, territory and Australian Government education and training departments and the ABS. The project, guided by the NETSU's Management Board, also involved consultations with other key stakeholders. The project assesses existing measures of early childhood learning and proposes a range of further measures, together with data development activities, which could improve the quality and availability of data related to early childhood learning.

The project's aim was to identify and further develop quality, consistent national measures of early childhood learning. More specifically, the findings of the project will feed into ongoing developments in a number of key areas, namely:

- to propose a set of high quality, consistent national measures on early childhood learning that can be used by a range of government agencies and other organisations to assess

existing programs and inform policy development;

- to undertake collaborative work aimed at developing and/or modifying indicators from existing data sources used for national reporting purposes; and
- to identify possibilities for developing new data sources and measures which will fill current data gaps.

The paper also provides an opportunity for input and further discussion among researchers and the community.

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Australia's Environment: Issues and Trends, 2007 (cat. no. 4613.0)

Australia's Environment: Issues and Trends, 2007 is the 4th edition in a series that presents a broad selection of environmental statistics and information on topical environmental issues. By drawing on a wide range of ABS statistics and statistics from other official sources, Australia's Environment: Issues and Trends describes major aspects of Australia's environment and how these are changing over time. It is designed to assist and encourage informed decision-making, and to meet the information needs of a general readership.

The material presented in this publication is organised into two main parts. The first part explores an issue of major environmental concern, and the issue chosen for the 2007 edition is water. Water is a valuable resource. Apart from drinking water and household use, Australians rely on water as an input to almost every industry in the nation's economy, particularly agriculture. This article explores:

- Water Availability: Counting the drops

Topics covered include rainfall, El Niño, run-off, dams, groundwater, aquifer storage and recovery, desalinisation and recycling

- Water Consumption: Conflicting demands, balancing needs

Topics covered include water consumption in agriculture (including irrigation on Australian farms), manufacturing, mining and households

- How Healthy Are Our Rivers?

Topics covered include water quality and river health, salinity and restoring flows

- Water Management: Making every drop count

Topics covered include agricultural water management practices, water trading, household water conservation and rainwater tanks

- Case Study: The Murray Darling Basing

Provides an overview of the Murray Darling Basin system, its water storage capacity and its health

The second part of this publication covers major trends of relevance to the environment, included under five broad headings: population, human activities, atmosphere, water, and landscape.

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Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits, Jun 2003 to Jun 2007 (cat. no. 8165.0)

This publication presents business counts, including data measuring levels and rates of business entries to and exits from the Australian economy, and business survival. Detailed counts are presented by industry, main state and territory, type of legal organisation, Institutional sector, employment size ranges and turnover size ranges.

Findings of this publication include:

- There were 1,963,907 actively trading businesses in Australia as at June 2006.
- Growth in the number of businesses slowed slightly in each of the three most recent financial years, mainly due to decreasing entry rates.
- Of the 1,868,969 businesses operating in June 2003, 65.0% were still operating in June

2006.

- Business survival is related to the age of a business – the longer a business survives, the greater the chances of continuing survival.
- As at June 2006, property and business services had the greatest number of businesses (492,453) followed by construction, retail trade and agriculture, forestry and fishing.
- During 2005-06, electricity, gas and water supply and mining had the highest entry rates. Exit rates in this period were highest for communication services.

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Information Consultancy Services (First Issue) (cat. no. 9920.0)

Whether you are developing a policy for government, operating a private business or conducting research, the ABS has the information to help you. This web brochure provides information and examples of how demographic, Census, social, international trade and economic data can be customised to meet your needs and help you make better informed decisions.

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Australian Wine and Grape Industry, 2007 (cat. no. 1329.0)

Contains information on: area of vines and production of grapes by region; wine production and grapes crushed by region; structure of the wine manufacturing industry; inventories of wine owned by winemakers at 30 June; brandy and grape spirit production; domestic wine sales; exports and imports of wine; price indexes of grapes and wine; consumption of wine; and world comparisons.

Information Paper: Changes to International Trade Statistics, July 2008, 2007 to 2008 (First Issue) (cat. no. 5368.0.55.009)

The United Nations has issued an update to the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) which the ABS will implement from the July 2008 reference month. This information paper summarises changes that will be made to Australian import and export statistics presented according to the SITC.

Principal Agricultural Commodities, Australia, Preliminary, 2006-07 (cat. no. 7111.0)

This publication contains preliminary estimates of principal agricultural commodities and livestock numbers for the 2006-07 season and comparative data for the previous year. The data are based on a response rate of 71% from the 2006-07 Agricultural Survey. More comprehensive and updated estimates for the 2006-07 season will be published in March 2008 in Agricultural Commodities, Australia (cat. no. 7121.0).

Agricultural Commodities: Small Area Data, Australia, 2000-01 (First Issue) (cat. no. 7125.0)

A useful electronic product enabling clients to compare agricultural commodities across small geographic areas within each state. It contains annual estimates for all commodities for Statistical Divisions (SD) and five-yearly Agricultural Census data for selected commodities for Statistical Local Areas (SLA). Commodities include livestock numbers and crop and horticulture production.

Selected Characteristics of Australian Business, 2005-06 (First Issue) (cat. no. 8167.0)

This release presents summary business characteristics data for a selection of topics including nature of business ownership, cooperative/franchising arrangements, performance measures, barriers, government financial assistance, finance sought, markets and competition.

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Environmental Issues: People's Views and Practices, Mar, 2007 (cat. no. 4602.0)

This publication presents information on environmental behaviour and practices of Australian households. Three environmental themes are rotated over three years: energy use and conservation, waste management and transport use, and water use and conservation. Data are collected from households and individuals via the ABS' monthly population survey. The 2007 edition focuses on water use and conservation. It presents data on sources of water in dwellings, the use of water and water saving measures used in households. Data on use of rainwater tanks and greywater are also included.

Natural Resource Management on Australian Farms, 2004-05 (cat. no. 4620.0)

This publication presents estimates compiled from the Australian Bureau of Statistics' first dedicated Natural Resource Management (NRM) survey. The survey asked farmers to identify the extent and type of NRM issues present on their land and the activities they undertook to prevent or manage them. It also asked farmers to identify areas affected and managed within the five priority NRM topics, and provide details of the labour and financial costs associated with activities undertaken. The results provide an important perspective into NRM activities and issues occurring on Australian farms during 2004-05, and because they are based on the perception of farmers, may differ from scientific or satellite assessment.

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Sports and Physical Recreation: A Statistical Overview, Australia, 2008 (Edition 1) (cat. no. 4156.0)

Provides a statistical overview of sports and physical recreation in Australia. Topics covered include output of the sports and physical recreation sector, employment in sports and physical recreation, government outlays on recreation, international trade in sports and physical recreation goods, attendances at sporting events, and participation in sports and physical recreation activities.

Adult Learning, Australia, 2006-07 (First Issue) (cat. no. 4229.0)

This publication presents data on aspects of adult learning. There is ongoing interest in the concept of lifelong learning and the importance of 'continuing education and training' as a measure of human capital. The concept for adult learning is taken from an international survey which focuses on measuring three categories of learning: formal learning, non-formal learning and informal learning.

Overweight and Obesity in Adults, Australia, 2004-05 (cat. no. 4719.0)

This publication contains information on overweight and obesity in adult Australians. Using body mass index (BMI) from the ABS National Health Surveys (1989, 1995, 2001 and 2004-05), overweight and obesity trends over time, risk factors and coexisting chronic diseases are examined. Also included are recent health related actions taken by overweight and obese people.

Education and Work, Australia, May 2007 (cat. no. 6227.0)

This publication provides selected information on participation in education, highest educational attainment, transition from education to work and current labour force and demographic characteristics for the civilian population aged 15-64 years.

Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia, Jul 2006 to Jun 2007 (cat. no. 6238.0)

This publication presents information on retirement for people aged 45 years and over. For those who are still in the labour force, information is available about current job and retirement intentions. For those people who are not in the labour force, data items include age at retirement; reason retired; income sources in retirement, and use of any lump sum payments.

Barriers and Incentives to Labour Force Participation, Australia, Jul 2006 to Jun 2007 (cat. no. 6239.0)

Provides information about people who are 18 years and over who are unemployed, not in the labour force or worked less than 16 hours. Data from this survey are used to obtain a better understanding of the factors that influence people to join or leave the labour force. By knowing the barriers people have to wanting, finding or taking up (more) employment a range of incentives to labour force participation can be indirectly identified. Estimates can be cross-classified by demographics such as state, sex, age, marital status and country of birth, as well as labour force characteristics.

Household Use of Information Technology, Australia, 2006-07 (cat. no. 8146.0)

This publication presents results compiled from household use of information technology (HUIT) data collected from the Multi-Purpose Household Survey (MPHS) for 2006-07. Contents include characteristics of households with computer or internet access, use of the internet, type of internet connection and type of technology used for broadband internet access and international comparisons.

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CURF Microdata News, Dec 2007 (cat. no. 1104.0)
CensusAtSchool Newsletter, Feb 2008 (cat. no. 1332.0.55.001)
Local Government and ABS (Newsletter), Dec 2007 (cat. no. 1376.0)
What's New in Regional Statistics (Newsletter), Dec 2007 (cat. no. 1386.0)

Methodological News, Dec 2007 (cat. no. 1504.0)
Demography News, Feb 2008 (cat. no. 3106.0)
Education and Training Matters (Newsletter), Dec 2007 (cat. no. 4211.0)
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Government Finance Statistics, Australia, Sep 2007 (cat. no. 5519.0.55.001)
Lending Finance, Australia, Dec 2007 (cat. no. 5671.0)
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